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Depressing End or Prophetic Beginning? (Nehemiah 13)

令人沮喪的結局,或是宣告新時代的開始

(尼希米記13章)

¹On that day the Book of Moses was read aloud in the hearing of the people and there it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever be admitted into the assembly of God, ²because they had not met the Israelites with food and water but had hired Balaam to call a curse down on them. (Our God, however, turned the curse into a blessing.) ³When the people heard this law, they excluded from Israel all who were of foreign descent. ⁴Before this, Eliashib the priest had been put in charge of the storerooms of the house of our God. He was closely associated with Tobiah, ⁵and he had provided him with a large room formerly used to store the grain offerings and incense and temple articles, and also the tithes of grain, new wine and olive oil prescribed for the Levites, musicians and gatekeepers, as well as the contributions for the priests.

1在那日,百姓聽到人朗讀摩西的律 法書,發現書上寫著,亞捫人和摩押 人永不可入上帝的會;²因為他們沒 有拿食物和水來迎接以色列人,卻雇 了巴蘭詛咒他們,但我們的上帝使那 詛咒變為祝福。3<u>以色列</u>人聽見這律 法,就與所有不同族群的人分別出來。 ⁴在這之前,與<u>多比雅</u>結親的<u>以利亞</u> <u>實</u>祭司,受派管理我們上帝殿中的庫 房, ⁵為<u>多比雅</u>預備了一間大屋子, 就是從前收存素祭、乳香、器皿、和 照例供給利未人、歌唱者、門口守衛 的五穀、新酒和新油的十分之一,以 及歸祭司之舉祭的屋子。

⁶ But while all this was going on, I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I had returned to the king. Some time later I asked his permission ⁷ and came back to Jerusalem. Here I learned about the evil thing Eliashib had done in providing Tobiah a room in the courts of the house of God.⁸ I was greatly displeased and threw all Tobiah's household goods out of the room. ⁹ I gave orders to purify the rooms, and then I put back into them the equipment of the house of God, with the grain offerings and the incense. ¹⁰ I also learned that the portions assigned to the Levites had not been given to them, and that all the Levites and musicians responsible for the service had gone back to their own fields.

•當這一切事發生的時候,我不在耶 <u>路撒冷</u>,因為<u>巴比倫王亞達薛西三十</u> 二年,我回到王那裏。過了多日,我 又向王告假。7我來到耶路撒冷,才 知道以利亞實為多比雅所做、在上帝 殿的院內為他預備屋子的那件惡 事。⁸我非常憤怒,就把多比雅的一 切家具都從屋子裏抛出去。⁹我又吩 咐人潔淨這屋子, 然後將上帝殿的器 <u>
一、素祭和乳香搬回那裏。10</u>我發現 利未人當得的份無人供給他們,甚至 供職的利未人與歌唱的都各奔回自己 的田地去了。

¹¹So I rebuked the officials and asked them, "Why is the house of God neglected?" Then I called them together and stationed them at their posts. ¹²All Judah brought the tithes of grain, new wine and olive oil into the storerooms. ¹³I put Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and a Levite named Pedaiah in charge of the storerooms and made Hanan son of Zakkur, the son of Mattaniah, their assistant, because they were considered trustworthy. They were made responsible for distributing the supplies to their fellow Levites. ¹⁴Remember me for this, my God, and do not blot out what I have so faithfully done for the house of my God and its services. ¹⁵In those days I saw people in Judah treading winepresses on the Sabbath and bringing in grain and loading it on donkeys, together with wine, grapes, figs and all other kinds of loads. And they were bringing all this into Jerusalem on the Sabbath. Therefore I warned them against selling food on that day.

11我就斥責官長說:「你們為何不顧上帝 的殿呢?」於是我召集<u>利未</u>人,使他們在 自己的崗位上供職。12猶大眾人就把五穀、 新酒和新油的十分之一送入庫房。13我派 <u>示利米雅祭司、撒督文士和利未人毗大雅</u> 作司庫管理庫房,副手是<u>哈難;哈難</u>是撒 <u>刻</u>的兒子,<u>撒刻是瑪他尼</u>的兒子;這些人 都是忠實的,他們的職務是分派他們弟兄 所當得的份。14我的上帝啊, 求你因這事 記念我,不要塗去我為上帝的殿與其中的 禮儀所獻的忠心。¹⁵那些日子,我在<u>猶大</u> 見有人在安息日踹醡酒池,搬運禾捆馱在 驢上,又把酒、葡萄、無花果和各樣的擔 子在安息日扛入<u>耶路撒冷</u>,我就在他們賣 食物的那日警戒他們。

¹⁶ People from Tyre who lived in Jerusalem were bringing in fish and all kinds of merchandise and selling them in Jerusalem on the Sabbath to the people of Judah.¹⁷ I rebuked the nobles of Judah and said to them, "What is this wicked thing you are doing—desecrating the Sabbath day? ¹⁸ Didn't your ancestors do the same things, so that our God brought all this calamity on us and on this city? Now you are stirring up more wrath against Israel by desecrating the Sabbath."¹⁹ When evening shadows fell on the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, I ordered the doors to be shut and not opened until the Sabbath was over. I stationed some of my own men at the gates so that no load could be brought in on the Sabbath day. ²⁰ Once or twice the merchants and sellers of all kinds of goods spent the night outside Jerusalem.

¹⁶有一些住在城裏的<u>推羅</u>人也把魚和各 樣貨物運進來,甚至在<u>耶路撒冷</u>,在 安息日賣給<u>猶大</u>人。¹⁷我就斥責<u>猶大</u> 的貴族,對他們說:「你們怎麼會做 這惡事干犯安息日呢!¹⁸你們祖先豈 不是這樣做,以致我們的上帝使一切 災禍臨到我們和這城嗎?你們竟干犯 安息日,使憤怒越發臨到<u>以色列</u>!」 ¹⁹安息日前一日黃昏的時候,我吩咐人

¹⁹安息日前一日黃昏的時候,我吩咐人 把<u>耶路撒冷</u>城門鎖上;我又吩咐,不 過安息日不准開門。我也派幾個僕人 在城門口站崗,免得有人在安息日挑 擔子進城。²⁰於是商人和販賣各樣貨物 的人,有一兩次在<u>耶路撒冷</u>城外過夜。 ²¹ But I warned them and said, "Why do you spend the night by the wall? If you do this again, I will arrest you." From that time on they no longer came on the Sabbath. ²² Then I commanded the Levites to purify themselves and go and guard the gates in order to keep the Sabbath day holy. Remember me for this also, my God, and show mercy to me according to your great love. ²³ Moreover, in those days I saw men of Judah who had married women from Ashdod, Ammon and Moab.²⁴ Half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod or the language of one of the other peoples, and did not know how to speak the language of Judah.

21我警告他們說: 「你們為何在城 牆前過夜呢?若再這樣,我必下手 辦你們。」從此以後,他們在安息 日就不再來了。22我吩咐利未人潔 淨自己來守城門,使安息日分別為 我的上帝啊, 求你因這事記念 聖。 我,照你豐盛的慈愛憐憫我。 23那 些日子,我又看見猶太人娶了亞實 突、亞捫和摩押的女子為妻。 24他 們的兒女,一半說亞實突話, 或其 他種族的方言,不會說猶大話。

²⁵ I rebuked them and called curses down on them. I beat some of the men and pulled out their hair. I made them take an oath in God's name and said: "You are not to give your daughters in marriage to their sons, nor are you to take their daughters in marriage for your sons or for yourselves. ²⁶ Was it not because of marriages like these that Solomon king of Israel sinned? Among the many nations there was no king like him. He was loved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel, but even he was led into sin by foreign women. ²⁷ Must we hear now that you too are doing all this terrible wickedness and are being unfaithful to our God by marrying foreign women?"

²⁵ 我就斥責他們, 詛咒他們, 打了他 們幾個人, 拔下他們的鬍鬚, 叫他們 指著上帝起誓:「你們不可把自己的 女兒嫁給外邦人的兒子, 也不可為自 己和兒子娶他們的女兒。²⁶以色列王 所羅門不也在這樣的事上犯罪嗎?在 許多國家中並沒有一位王像他, 蒙他 上帝喜愛, 上帝立他作王治理全以色 列。然而, 連他也被外邦女子引誘犯 罪。²⁷我們豈能聽憑你們行這一切大 惡, 娶外邦女子干犯我們的上帝呢?」 ²⁸ One of the sons of Joiada son of Eliashib the high priest was son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite. And I drove him away from me. ²⁹ Remember them, my God, because they defiled the priestly office and the covenant of the priesthood and of the Levites. ³⁰ So I purified the priests and the Levites of everything foreign, and assigned them duties, each to his own task. ³¹ I also made provision for contributions of wood at designated times, and for the firstfruits.

Remember me with favor, my God.

²⁸ <u>以利亞實</u>大祭司的孫子,<u>耶何耶</u> 大的一個兒子是<u>和倫人參巴拉</u>的女 婿,我就把他從我這裏趕出去。²⁹ 我的上帝啊,求你記得他們的罪, 因為他們玷污了祭司的職分,違背 祭司和<u>利未</u>人的約。³⁰這樣,我潔 淨他們,使他們脫離屬外邦人的一 切;我又分派祭司和<u>利未</u>人的班次, 使他們各盡其職,³¹按定期奉獻木 柴和初熟的土產。

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